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**MEMO ENDORSED**

January 4, 2021

**BY ECF**

Hon. Ona T. Wang  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007-1312

Re: *Gonzalez v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 20 Civ. 8033 (OTW)

Dear Judge Wang:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security (the “Commissioner”), the defendant in the above-referenced action, which the plaintiff brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) to appeal the Commissioner’s decision to deny his application for Social Security disability benefits.

I respectfully write to request, with the plaintiff’s consent, a 60-day extension of time for the Commissioner to file the certified administrative record in this case, from January 4, 2021, to March 5, 2021. The extension is necessary due to delays in preparing the certified administrative record due to temporary workplace changes implemented by the Social Security Administration in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes have significantly impacted the operations of the Social Security Administration’s Office of Appellate Operations and materially affected its ability to prepare certified administrative records and to obtain transcriptions of hearing recordings from private contractors.

The plaintiff consents to this request, and this is the first request for an extension of time to file the certified administrative record. I thank the Court for its consideration of this request.

**SO ORDERED:**

Application GRANTED.

**Ona T. Wang** 1/6/21  
United States Magistrate Judge

Respectfully,

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